

12 July 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy to the DCI/NIO
General Counsel
Legislative Counsel
Inspector General
Comptroller

SUBJECT: DCI Comments to the President on the
Murphy Commission Report

1. Attached are two copies of the 190 recommendations contained in the June 1975 report of the Commission on the Organization of the Government For the Conduct of Foreign Policy. (The Murphy Commission.)

2. The President has requested DCI comments by Thursday, 17 July, on the 10 recommendations contained in Chapter 7, "The Organization of Intelligence." (Nos. 46-55.)

3. DCI comments on 16 recommendations contained elsewhere in the report are requested by Monday, 21 July. These include numbers:

1	29	68	76
23	56	69	88
27	66	72	89
28	67	73	162

4. In addition, the DCI has been advised he should "feel free to comment" on any of the other recommendations.

5. The NSC Staff Secretary requests that "comments should, if possible, be unclassified since they may receive further distribution."

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of the IC staff have been assigned responsibility for assembling the responses.

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7. It is requested addressees' representatives meet at 1100 hours, Monday, 14 July in the IC conference room, (6E0708) to determine the allocation of responsibilities for drafting of responses in each recommendation of interest to the DCI.

8. It is proposed the draft responses, at least for the recommendations set forth in Chapter 7, be prepared by no later than close of business Tuesday, 15 July, so they can be reviewed by the DCI on 16 July and forwarded on 17 July. Determination can be made at the initial meeting of representatives as to how soon responses can be prepared on the other recommendations for which DCI comments have been requested.

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Attachments: As stated

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MURPHY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS IN CHAPTER 7: THE ORGANIZATION OF INTELLIGENCE

p.98: The DCI should have an office in close proximity to the White House and be accorded regular and direct contact with the President.

p.99. The CIA should be retitled the Foreign Intelligence Agency (FIA) and its Director the Director of Foreign Intelligence (DFI).

Each incoming President should review and make such changes in PFIAB's membership as may be required to give him high personal confidence in that body's values and judgments; that

he make himself directly available to the Chairman of PFIAB upon the latter's request; and that

The PFIAB staff should be increased in size and drawn in part from sources outside the intelligence community

p.100: Covert action cannot be abandoned, but that it should be employed only where clearly essential to vital U.S. purposes and then only after a careful process of high level review

Covert action should only be authorized after collective consideration of its benefits and risks by all available 40 Committee members, and that,

Besides granting initial approvals, the 40 Committee should regularly review the continuing appropriateness of activities still being pursued.

p.101: PL 93-559 be amended to require reporting of covert actions to the proposed Joint Committee on National Security, and to omit any requirement for the personal certification of the President as to their necessity.

p.102: The NSCIC should be actively used as the principal forum for the resolution, short of the President, of the differing perspectives of intelligence consumers and producers and should meet frequently for that purpose.

p.103: While the intelligence agencies should retain and exercise their improved competence in the analysis of international economic issues, the Departments of State, Treasury, Commerce, and Agriculture, and the Council of Economic Advisors must maintain similar capabilities focused on the analysis of issues involving their own responsibilities. We believe that in all four of the Departments those capabilities should be significantly strengthened.

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p.103: A small staff of the highest quality, drawn from within and without the intelligence community and responsible for the drafting and review of the NIEs, should be established. This staff, reporting directly to the DFI, should be charged with reporting clearly any important differences in the views of concerned agencies, and the reasons for such differences.

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p.104: Under the direction of the DCI, the IC staff should expand "Perspectives for Intelligence" into an annually revised multi-year plan for the allocation of responsibilities across the intelligence community. The plan should be reviewed by USIB and approved by the NSCIC.

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On the basis of the multiyear plan, the IC staff should prepare an annual Consolidated Foreign Intelligence Budget. After review by the IRAC and OMB, this document should guide the budget submissions of each of the agencies and departments of the intelligence community to OMB. It should also provide for the consideration, by the proposed Joint Committee of the Congress on National Security, of the funds to be annually authorized the intelligence community.